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IMPORTANT LATE NEWS

[NOTE. The first story in this packet is on the mutiny trials now going on at the
 Presidio Army Base in San Francisco. This afternoon, Pvt. Louis Oszczepinski, one
 of the 27 men being tried for mutiny, attempted to commit suicide. You might want
 to put this information in a box along with the story.]

SAN FRANCISCO (LNS)- Pvt. Louis Oszczepinski, one of 27 soldiers being tried for
 mutiny at the Presidio Army Base in San Francisco, attempted to commit suicide on
 Feb. 14. He slashed his arms four times.

Oszczepinski, along with Pvt. Lawrence Reidel, was scheduled to hear the
 verdict in his case some time during the week of Feb. 17 through 24. On Feb. 13,
 Pvt. Henry Stood, the first of the Presidio 27 to be tried, was convicted and sen-
 tenced to 15 years hard labor.

[NOTE TO EDITORS. It s VERY important that this information get out as soon as
 possible, so please do what you can. Thanks.]

DID YOU APPEAR BEFORE THE GRAND JURY IN CHICAGO?!

A lot of people have been called to testify before the Grand Jury which is
 investigating the Democratic Convention demonstrations of last November.
 Indictments are expected within the next month and they may come down as soon
 as Feb. 17 (or that week).

The people arranging legal defense are trying to locate EVERYONE WHO TESTIFIED OR
 IS GOING TO TESTIFY at those Grand Jury hearings. If you're one of those people,
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ARMY OVERKILL AT THE PRESIDIO

by Giuseppe Slater

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SAN FRANCISCO (LNS) -- ACLU attorney Paul Halvenek best expressed it: "Military justice is to justice what military music is to music."

He was commenting on the first verdict and sentence to be delivered in the Presidio Court Martial hearings. Pvt. Henry Sood has just been found guilty of mutiny and sentenced to 15 years hard labor for joining 26 fellow prisoners in the Presidio stockade sitting quietly on the ground and singing "We Shall Overcome."

The soldiers held this nonviolent protest last Oct. 14 to dramatize the subhuman conditions in the stockade and to decry the slaying of Pvt. Richard Bunch three days previously. The 19-year old mentally disturbed prisoner was gunned down when he walked away from his work detail in an alleged attempt to escape the prison.

To the Army, however, the demonstration threatened the most holy of military precepts -- obedience to authority -- and charges of mutiny, most serious of all military crimes, were quickly pressed against the participants. High Army officials persisted with the inquisition even though one of their own investigating officers recommended that the charges be greatly reduced because the Army was "overreacting" to something that was already a miscarriage of justice."

Sood's trial undoubtedly will serve as a prototype for the ones to come. Prosecution officers continually reiterated the "awful" fact that the protestors had failed to obey orders. The defense, as in the one preceding hearing, concluded its case with the authoritative testimony of Dr. Vincent Salmon, an acoustics expert from Stanford Research Institute. His calculations established that in all probability the singing men could neither hear nor understand the command which was given them over a loudspeaker system.

Evidently, this simple fact made little impression on the military Review Board deciding the case; it took them only 35 minutes to bring in the "Guilty" verdict.

Before the sentencing, defense counsels ticked off the relevant points of the case to

the Board: The protest was entirely peaceful; it was spontaneous; the men had no other effective way of presenting their grievances; the Army had itself confessed that stockade conditions were "substandard" -- and Sood is a 25 year old married man with three children who was due to be released from the Army in January.

But the prosecution scored more points when it advised the Board that the punishment should be sufficiently severe to serve as a "deterrent" to prevent similar occurrences.

When a military court determines a sentence, the members vote on the lightest punishment first and work their way up the spectrum of severity. Knowing this, the sympathizers filling the courtroom became increasingly apprehensive as one hour and half of another elapsed. It was taking them three times as long to pronounce sentence as to decide the verdict.

Finally the Board returned and all fears were fulfilled. Dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all benefits, and confinement at hard labor for 15 years. Anything over ten years required approval by at least 3/4 of the Board, so the decision was probably unanimous.

Shocked spectators gathered outside the building, while MPs shoved the manacled Sood into a waiting van and quickly drove him out of sight. Attorney Halvenek told the television cameras that the sentence "was so outrageous I was shocked." Capt. Yeary, the Army defense counsel, was standing beside him and quietly nodded his agreement. He commented: "I'm still in the Army, so I'd better not say more."

An appeal will be made to higher military courts, and after that to the federal courts if the situation is not ameliorated. Halvenek stated some of the lines of attack: Cruel and unusual punishment; the constitutionality and applicability of the mutiny statute; and suppression of evidence. But Sood will remain in the stockade for all the months and years absorbed by these procedures. Tension in the stockade remains high. On Feb. 12 a 20 year old black prisoner poured lighter fluid on his uniform and tried to immolate himself. Pvt John Brown was not badly injured, but the Army

immediately isolated him in the psychiatric ward and denied that the incident had any relevance at all to the mutiny episode.

Also, unmentioned in the press but confirmed by reliable underground sources, is the escape of Pvts. Keith Mather and Walter Pilowski, two important leaders of the Presidio 27. They are reported to be out of the country.

Nevertheless, the Army is moving right along with the other cases, even though the outcome of this trial may well prejudice the later hearings. Pressure behind the scenes has moved the trial of Lawrence Reidel and Louis Oszczepinski, which was temporarily suspended by the Army Law Officer for further investigation into their sanity, to an imminent conclusion. In March, 17 more of the prisoners will be processed

The Presidio hearings are a striking commentary on the social complications of Cold War strategy. In all situations of war and peace, so it seems, the military rests its case on the favorite tactic of Deterrence Through Overkill.

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STUDENTS AND WORKERS JOIN FORCES

AGAINST STANDARD OIL

by Jeffrey Gerth

LIBERATION News Service

RICHMOND, Ca. (LNS) -- Standard Oil Company's Richmond, California refinery--struck by the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union--is just a half hour's drive from the University of California's Berkeley campus and just an hour from San Francisco State. Now in the face of very strong strike breaking tactics by the company, an alliance between university students and oil workers begins to look more and more possible.

The strike of OCAW Local 1561 against the Standard refinery began as part of a nationwide walkout against the whole industry. The union demands -- a 72¢ wage increase over two years, plus better medical and retirement benefits -- appear modest, but they hit hard against long-standing anti-union policies at Standard Oil. Thanks to automation, the company has been able

to maintain production at almost normal level. But distribution and transportation of various petroleum products from the refinery has been crippled by pickets.

In the second week of February a call went out from the union for student support. On Monday morning, Feb. 12, 400 students were at the refinery gates. Standard Oil, alarmed at the possibilities of large-scale student support, had locked all gates to the refinery, brought scabs in the day before and housed them overnight inside the plant. The Richmond pigs were out in full force to meet the pickets.

Seeing the gates closed the younger workers and the students set out for the white collar entrance to the plant. Police who met them on the way were greeted with rocks, and responded with tear gas. Realizing that they had succeeded in closing the refinery up, and not wanting a useless confrontation, the marchers moved on to a rally. There were speeches from union leaders, support statements from other unions, and a speech by Roger Alvarado of the Third World Liberation Front at San Francisco State.

Student support dwindled, as the strikes on campus at Berkeley and State attracted attention. The refinery gates were opened up again, and scab workers and trucks had little trouble entering the plant. Some students carried the demands of the strikers to the Standard Oil offices in downtown San Francisco and to a meeting of Chevron salesmen, also in San Francisco. Guerrilla leafleteers bombarded the sales meeting and invaded the prison-like corridors of Standard Oil's executive offices -- finding unexpected allies among younger secretarial type people -- and managed to give company plainclothesmen their first glimpse of anarcho-terrorists in action.

The Executive Board of the union has been in the forefront in realizing the potential role of the working class as an instrument of social change, and educating other union members about that role; they have helped to open up new lines of communication between students and workers. Jake Jacobs, secretary-treasurer of the Union, told a rally on the Berkeley campus:

"We have come to realize in the past few weeks that there is a great similarity in our problem." Jacob stressed "the great undercurrent and dissatisfaction" apparent in young union members. And the Executive Board introduced a resolution to be brought before the rank and file which calls for local 1561 to "go on record in support of striking students and teachers at the Universities and that a program of mutual aid and assistance be developed to obtain the legitimate demands of the respective organizations."

I went to a union meeting called to discuss the proposed Executive Board resolution to see what the attitude of the workers really was.

It is clear that they appreciate student support. They know that the treat of students coming on the picket line is enough to force the company to lock the gates. They know the students are willing to fight. One older union member, identifying himself as a conservative Republican, said, "These kids have guts. We're just a bunch of paper tigers." Yet this same speaker also had reservations about the sincerity and persistence of the students. "Let's get them back here on the lines 7 days a week or not at all." A sizable minority -- all over 40 years old -- at this meeting of about 80 union members expressed similar sentiments.

The only two blacks at the meeting (the union is about 15% black) felt the occasional racism of fellow workers, spoke out for the first time at a union meeting about how it felt to be black. Racism in the union is pretty much related to age. Older workers find it hard to identify with student struggles led by minority groups. However, the movement has begun.

After the meeting, a number of young white workers went up to the blacks and apologized for some of the statements of older workers. Many of those who are most set against student alliances admit to having been brainwashed by the papers. The younger workers find it easier to break out. They've had less indoctrination, and

still yearn for something better. They are the ones who fight the scabs; they are the ones who applaud pro-student speakers at union meetings. They are the ones who want to learn.

The possibility of the union's formally endorsing the proposal for mutual aid between students and workers seems good. For after all, as one member put it, "These guys have moved a long way in the last six months." The settlement of the strike will not end the movement. Many workers have talked about how things "will never be the same when we return to the plant."

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QUEBEC LIBERATION FRONT
HITS MONTREAL STOCKMARKET
by Michel Benoit
LIBERATION News Service

MONTREAL (LNS) -- A bomb made of ten dynamite sticks blasted away in the Montreal stockmarket on Feb. 13. Employees were warned by an anonymous phone tip two hours before the explosion but ignored the warning. Twenty-seven persons were injured and stock market officials figured damages will run up to \$1 million.

This is the eighth bombing in Montreal this year. Three of them occurred the week of Feb. 7-14.

The stockmarket bombing was the latest in the series. Cathcart Street Armory was hit on the 11th, as was another armory in the North End of Montreal on the 10th. Since the beginning of operations of the Quebec Liberation Front, there have been 50 bombings and attempted bombings.

The Quebec Liberation Front stands for anti-imperialist struggle against the bourgeoisie -- be it French-Canadian, Canadian, or American -- and their stooges, the Federal and provincial politicians who exploit the people of Quebec.

The night of the stockmarket bombing, I received a visit from the Montreal cops. They methodically and politely went through everything in my apartment, putting everything back in its place. Not finding anything, they

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left, saying that they would be back.

Apparently the cops have no idea where to begin looking for the bombers.

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[Note to editors: We will have more coverage on the activities of the Quebec Liberation Front next week.]

BERKELEY GETS BEATING, BUT

NOT BEATEN YET

by Paul Glusman

LIBERATION News Service

BERKELEY (LNS) -- Thirty-seven people were arrested and a large number injured in the heaviest day so far in the Berkeley Third World strike.

On Thursday, Feb. 13, after a large rally, student strikers set up a picket line at Sather Gate on the campus completely encircling a smaller informational line set up by the Teaching Assistants union (AFT 1570).

Highway patrolmen and sheriffs deputies moved back the larger line, leaving the AFT line untouched. The AFT line was then encircled and all 17 persons on it were arrested.

Later police charged into student crowds and made random arrests. Clifford Vaughn, a black reporter for a Los Angeles radio station, was severely beaten by sheriffs deputies. After his arrest, he was again beaten in the police station. He is now hospitalized and being held on \$3,500 bail, charged with assault on an officer. Several students were injured; one had all of his front teeth knocked out. One Sheriff's deputy was later surrounded and beaten by students. Most arrestees are being held on charges of obstructing pedestrian traffic.

The AFT is now certainly going to strike because its peaceful picket line was busted, and it will probably be given strike sanction by the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

On Feb. 14, faculty members set up an informational picket line, the first pro-strike activity by faculty since the strike began three weeks ago. The campus is totally occupied by police and is being run from Sacramento by

Ronald Reagan through Alameda County Sheriff Frank Madigan. Chancellor Roger Heyns has been bypassed and publicly criticized by the Governor for his indecisiveness in the early stages of the strike.

Strike support has grown. Friday's line was one of the largest since the strike began, despite a heavy rain.

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SHEEP VS PIGS

CHICAGO (LNS) -- The Chicago Police Department has decided that the good cop is the guy who loves animals and small children and helps little old ladies across the street. The U.S. Justice Department and the Industrial Relations Institute of the University of Chicago have come to this conclusion after a three-year study on the Chicago P.D. To top it off, they have designed a test which is supposed to separate the sheep from the pigs.

Dr. Melany E. Baehr, the project director, took pains to point out that none of the policemen involved in the August police riot had taken the test. And he did not specify what constituted a passing score in Chicago.

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STANFORD POST OFFICE SPORTS NLF FLAG

PALO ALTO, Calif (LNS) -- Some Viet Congs came over from red Asia and captured the post office building of Stanford Research Institute, noted cold war research tank.

Actually it wasn't Viet Congs but rather a group of SDSers from Stanford University, who raised the National Liberation Front flag.

The gallant flag braved attempts by local jocks and right-wing forces to haul it down. Finally the Palo Alto Fire Department was called in and the Cong banner was lowered.

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INFORMATION PLEASE ALMANAC

ST. VALENTINES DAY: This day is the festival of two 3rd-century martyrs, both named St. Valentine. It is not known why this day is associated with lovers. It may derive from an old pagan festival about this time of year, or it may have been inspired by the belief that birds mate on this day.

COPS CRACKDOWN ON COMMUNITY CONTROL

by Colin Connery

LIBERATION News Service

NEW YORK (LNS) -- An armada of city police entered and seized the Tompkins Square Community Center at one a.m. Feb. 14. The city-owned building, in the heart of the Lower East Side, had been occupied by the community for over a year.

The people seized the building after it was discovered that a swimming pool, gymnasium, and other recreational facilities in it had been idle for over thirty years.

The police moved cautiously taking care to avoid arrests. They allowed the staff to remove files and other essential items before closing the building. The element of surprise, the overwhelming display of power, and the late hour virtually precluded resistance.

The raid was the latest and most drastic in a series of steps taken by the city in violation of written agreements made with the center. The city seems to be making an across-the-board crackdown on community control on the Lower East Side.

Resentment towards the city is running high.

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STUDENT CONVICTED OF SETTING BOMB

ST. LOUIS (LNS) -- Michael S. Siskind, 21, a Junior at Washington University, has been found guilty of attempting to destroy Government property. He was accused of placing a firebomb on the windowsill of the Washington University ROTC building.

Siskind is the first person ever convicted under the WW II Sabotage Act. He faces up to ten years in jail for his revolutionary act.

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CITY COLLEGE DIDDLEBOP SIT AROUND

NEW YORK CITY (LNS) -- Black and Puerto Rican students took over the administration building at city college, located in the heart of Harlem, and held it for several hours Feb. 13.

The move is looked upon primarily as a show of strength, to back up five relatively mild demands. Although no police were called, the Captain and another officer from the 26th precinct were on hand, observing all from an adjacent building, and keeping stray cop cars out of the way of potentially inflammatory incidents.

The demands call for the creation of a Black and Puerto Rican studies school, separate freshmen orientation, "a voice" in hiring and firing, admissions racially proportionate to city high school composition, and mandatory courses for all education majors in Black and Puerto Rican history and Spanish. Two radical white students were permitted to join the occupation forces.

When the President of the University, Buell Gallagher, approached the group saying "Hello, brothers," he was laughed away. His office released answers to the five demands--the sort of divide and conquer claims which radicals have come to expect in response to their militance--stating in effect that all five demands were being met already.

Black radicals see the occupation as only setting the stage for later tactical moves.

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AMERICA PRESERVES STEPHANIE FETCHIT

by Mark Kramer

LIBERATION News Service

NEW YORK (LNS) -- Immigration laws, suburban racism, profiteering lawyers, and our sphere of influence over the Southern Isles combine to enforce a twentieth-century form of slavery. Thousands of black women from such Caribbean paradise islands as Jamaica, Barbados, and Trinidad, reduced to poverty by American exploitation of the Caribbean economy, accept illegal employment at pocket-money prices in order to enter the promised land. The Wall Street Journal reports an estimate that there are 20,000 in the New York area alone.

Imported live-in maids generally receive anywhere from \$15 to \$55 dollars, well below the \$77 minimum for the New York area set by

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Teacher--needed for experimental school in the South Shore Area of Chicago. Junior high school level. Ungraded, the eight children in the school range in age from 11 to 14. Start now or whenever you are available. School is run cooperatively by the parents and a team of part-time teachers. This staff will be available to help with teaching. Pay and hours are flexible. Pay for full-time person would start at about \$65 a week. --Contact Staughton Lynd; 7359 South Bennett; Chicago, Ill. 60649 (312) 288-5077.

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The Newsreel is a radical film project, making films (one every two weeks) that can be used by organizers and others in the process of building political consciousness, building a movement for social change in this country. Newsreel makes films that are tools or weapons. People who get deeply involved can expect to learn the whole range of film-making technique, plus all its applications in the areas of propaganda, agit-prop. We also need people interested in film distribution and desk work, as films go out free as they are completed to groups across the country that are doing active organizing. No salaries at present, but will help find part-time jobs for support. Newsreel is presently operating in five cities: New York: 127 East 15 Street NYC 10003 (212) OR3-8270; San Francisco: 150 Alabama Street, S.F., Calif. 94110; (415) 431-2194; Boston: c/o Pincus, 335 Western Avenue, Cambridge, Mass. 02138; Chicago: c/o Chicago Film Coop, 162 No. Clinton, Chicago, Ill. 60606; Los Angeles: 619 South Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, Calif. 90057 (213) 483-2352.

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RADICAL MEDIA BULLETIN BOARD -- YOUNG PEOPLE

From the WATERTUNNEL, State College Free Press, PO Box 156 State College, Pa. 16801.

[We got the following letter from the Water Tunnel and think it will be enjoyed by all new papers getting going and papers that have been around awhile too.]

We have finally gotten our paper off the ground. Our second issue is coming out tomorrow. I am enclosing both the first and second issues of the Water Tunnel...

It was an immediate success. We were banned from the Penn State campus by the Vice-President for Student Affairs, Charles Lewis, less than two hours after beginning sales at the Union Building. A number of students volunteered to hawk them for us. SDS sold them at their table in defiance of the ban.

By afternoon, we had been called into the office of Student Affairs and threatened with disciplinary action for violation of University Senate (Faculty Senate) Rule W-11, which stated: 'The University regards all acts of unethical, immoral, dishonest, or destructive behavior as serious offenses. A student whose conduct is prejudicial to the good name of the University may be dismissed. The right to dismiss a student is reserved to the President.'

The ban, however, backfired. The Daily Collegian had two days before quoted a black spokesman, who had called University President H. A. Walker a motherfucker. The Administration was trying to shut them down, so their politics became a little more radical, and they came out strong in support of the Water Tunnel. A number of other liberal student organizations came out in support of our right to publish, and eventually even the InterFraternity Council and the Young Americans for Freedom backed us.

We had our second issue printed in Philadelphia by the printer for the Distant Drummer and the Temple Free Press. It was considerably cheaper and took only four hours instead of four days. I would strongly urge movement people not to attempt to operate a press unless it is absolutely the last resort. We do have a press for sale, however, if you know of anyone who may want it, for approximately \$600.

Our first issue sold out [Note: on the cover they had put the picture of naked Lennon and girlfriend] and we have 6,500 of our second issue which we feel will sell very well. We got the publicity we have gotten. We have been on page news in the Collegian for the last two weeks, have been on the state AP line, and have made all the area TV and newspapers.

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A confrontation with the Administration is planned tomorrow. [Feb. 10]. The Jazz Club, Town Independent Men, SDS, Undergraduate Student Government, the Folklore Society and Young Democrats will set up tables at the Union tomorrow and will be selling our second issue and the few remaining copies of the first issue, in a protest against the unilateral nature of the ban.

We have been denied a peddlers permit to hawk our papers on the streets of the Borough of State College, because the Borough Manager said he didn't like the paper. However, we have had no trouble selling it in several bookstores downtown.

We have dropped the Garfield Thomas from our name [Note: the original name of the paper was Garfield Thomas Water Tunnel], due to the fact that many people objected to the use of a military hero's name for an underground paper. The Garfield Thomas Water Tunnel, by the way, is a facility of the Penn State University School of Engineering's Ordnance Research Laboratory, operated by the University under contract with the Navy for testing, designing and producing torpedoes and submarines.

Venceremos! Signed, Alvan Youngberg
[For a copy of this adventuresome paper, which comes out bi-weekly, write to the Water Tunnel, address on previous page.]

Margaret Randall who translated Otto Rene Castillo's guerrilla poems which appear in this packet, is the editor of El Corno Emplumado. El Corno Emplumado (The Plumed Horn) is a magazine of poetry, prose, letters, in English and Spanish, published in Mexico City. It's been of consistently high quality for the last few years and we think you people should take a look at it if you haven't seen it. Write: EL CORNO EMPLUMADO, Apartado Postal No. 13-546, Mexico 13, D.F., Mexico. All poems, articles and drawings can be republished, so you might write Meg Randall about getting a sub or seeing one issue. (\$3 for four issues.)

David Cahill writes from the SPECTATOR business Office (923 E. Atwater #1, Bloomington, Indiana, 47401) "I have received several requests for our bookkeeping system. Patience, people -- I'm taking doctoral exams but should have the stuff to you within the month.

"The larger papers, I have noticed, are published by a corporation. However, the smaller ones appear to just be published by a group. This is horrid for several reasons, but the most important one is that if the paper gets nuisance suits for libel, and it is not incorporated, nearly every staffer may be wiped out financially. If the paper is incorporated, though, all they can get are the corporation's assets; the staff is protected. In Indiana, it costs just \$19 to become a non-profit corporation which can do everything except distribute profits to stockholders. In other states, the costs should be as low. It doesn't

normally take a lawyer, since statutory instructions are very clear. One word of caution: pick an innocuous-sounding name so that the bureaucrats won't hassle the application. The Spectator is now officially the "Southern Indiana Media Corporation."

[Thank you David. People, take note!]

From Laura Murra (who sometimes writes for LNS, from Berkeley: 2325 Oak St. Berkeley 94708)

"Re your question about Sol Yurick Piece. [Note: Allen had wondered why more papers didn't pick up Sol's long poem about Jackie et al.] By the time it got to me, I was so utterly revolted by the Jackie hang-up in the new left press, that I couldn't bring myself to read it. Somewhere in our history didn't we try to do without gurus, heroes, leaders, and the like?

...Since your packets were my first, and for a while, my only source of either humane or radical articles on women and women's liberation, I caught myself wondering how we got lumped under the cultural revolution in your index. The Peninsula Observer does this, but it still gives me pause because although I'm delighted with the newer women's issues, and that's where my heart and energy lie, the economic ones are by no means won. I don't mean that we should be under "economic revolution," but more, that we recognize as a movement that's done some good work and should have its own heading..."

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That's it for this packet. The vast majority of our little staff is down in Washington at the Student Press Conference this packet, hope some of you are down there too. Let us hear from you more often. There must be a lot of stuff you can be sharing with us and with the kingdom of papers, growing all the time! Venceremos everybody, and keep in touch.

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US ALL THE SCOOPS TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OK
SEE YOU NEXT PACKET..... end of RMBB.

STRIKE SUPPORT UP
AS NATIONAL GUARD OCCUPIES
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
by Mark Kramer
LIBERATION News Service

MADISON, Wisc (LNS) -- The National Guard moved onto the University of Wisconsin campus, guarding building entrances and corridors, following nearly a week of militant actions by students. A strike, supporting black demands for an autonomous black studies department, has received widespread student support. Following the call-up of the guard, attendance at the College of Letters and Sciences was down 70 per cent. Before the call-up, which shocked many apathetic students into action, attendance had lagged only about 30 per cent.

Bascomb Hall and six other buildings closed down by "non-penetrable" student picket lines earlier in the week, were opened again by the Guard. They used tear gas at one point to clear a blocked intersection.

Strike leadership made effective use of non-confrontation tactics. Crowds totalling 3,000 students blocking buildings and traffic near campus moved on whenever the law showed up, spontaneously re-establishing their activities at new locations.

Friday, Feb. 14, these tactics were less effective than they had been on previous days, and the striker's morale was low. Cops caught on to the nature of the tactics, and began dealing with them more effectively. On previous days, expecting resistance, they had sent thirty or forty pigs to open up an intersection, or clear the way to a building. Friday, they discovered that three or four cops could do the job just as well.

One incident which particularly demoralized radicals Friday was the arrest by two campus cops of a student blocking traffic at Charter and Linden Streets. A mill-in pulled back when the campus cops showed up to help get traffic through. One student who remained in the intersection was hauled off, right through the thick of the crowd. The cops met no resistance even though they were greatly outnumbered. Another

student, a reporter for the Daily Cardinal, official school paper, was arrested by about 50 riot-control cops after he gave the finger to the bus in which they were riding. However, for the most part the cops were not into busting people--no more than 25 have been arrested.

Thursday evening, a torchlight parade supporting the strike drew an estimated 9,000 marchers. They encircled the state capitol building, chanting "On strike, shut it down," before returning to campus. Jackie DiSalvo, former LNS reporter now attending the university, described the scene: "We went down fraternity row marching tonight, and some people joined the line after coming out of the frat houses. It was sort of making us wonder about how radical our issues are. Has something happened in the country all of a sudden? What are these cute little short-haired girls doing in the streets yelling at the cops?"

Teams of rightist students, known to strikers as "Hayakawas" because of the letter H on their armbands, were active early in the week, beating up black students of both sexes, and shoving pickets into the waiting arms of cops. By the end of the week they had all but disappeared. Although they caused the arrests of a few students, their greatest effect was to increase the militance of strikers and prompt passersby to strengthen the picket lines.

By the weekend, 2,100 guardsmen occupied the campus after Governor Warren Knowles called up an additional 1200 troops to augment the 900 deployed earlier in the week. His move was thought to be politically inspired, as forces already on hand seemed more than sufficient to handle developments to date. The Governor and state legislature, both republican, face a severe financial crisis this year, because of the corrupt tax structure of the state. Beer manufacturers, who virtually control state politics, have paid the same low taxes since 1918 while the taxes of low-income workers have risen 18 per cent in the past year alone. The administration seems to feel that by creating a crisis atmosphere, University allocations can be cut without arousing

public displeasure.

Another key issue facing legislators is a bill to cut the salaries of teaching assistants from out of state by \$400. TA's have threatened to strike, both for their own demands and in support of the demands of black students. University administrators have taken the edge off this threat by pursuing a divide and conquer policy. President of the University, Fred H. Harrington, has pledged that the University will find the money to meet TA salaries through this academic year. But Dean of the College of Letters and Science, Leon Epstein, has issued a mimeographed handout to all students urging them to report the TA's who fail to meet their classes. A sympathetic faculty member expects any ringleaders so reported to be fired. He thinks that this possibility decreases the chances that TA's will actually strike.

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[Note to Editors: The new events reported in this story may be combined with the article in the last packet (#139) for more complete coverage. The earlier article contains a more complete discussion of the issues. For latest developments you may call Terry Davis of Madison Resistance, at (608) 255-6575.]

LNS ESPIONAGE

CBS LABS ENGAGE IN SECRET SPY RESEARCH

The CBS research laboratories, located in New York City, are allegedly developing a super-spy camera for aerial reconnaissance work under a Defense Department contract. The camera works by sending down laser beams which are scanned for variations in intensity after they reflect up from the ground.

The cameras--CBS is reportedly constructing two prototypes for half-a-million each--can deliver far more resolution than either conventional optical systems or cathode tube scanners.

Furthermore, the images they receive can be instantaneously relayed to technicians on the ground, significantly cutting the length of time before aerial surveys can be put to strategic use.

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[Note to Editors: We overheard this little tidbit during dinner, and it will probably blow a few minds. Have fun:]

AFTER THE PRESIDIO TRIAL: HAVE YOU HEARD

Have you heard about the revolution?
Have you once from restless sleep
Awakened, after
Dreaming of the heads of slaughtered men,
Or green and lacking bodies
Coming home to wives to rest.
Have you dreamed of whole stockades
Doomed to labor over rocks forever
For singing in their outrage one sad song
"O brother soldier, we shall overcome."
I sit before the news, dreaming news
I think I hear.
Dreaming age-old dreams just once again,
Though Winter's reaped so many dead already.
They pass before me spectred fists upraised,
These men gone down to restless sleep
Never to awaken to (though they have dreamed)
Fantastic news of victory.

[On Feb. 13, 1969, Presidio stockade soldier Henry Sood was sentenced to 15 years hard labor for his part in a peaceful protest staged by the stockade over the murder by a prison guard of a fellow soldier. The other 26 prisoners are expected to receive like sentences.]

Nina Sabaroff (LNS)

"Communism is the negation of the negation..."

Carlos Marx

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GUERRILLA POEMS OF OTTO RENE CASTILLO

OTTO RENE CASTILLO FOUGHT WITH TURCIOS LIMA IN HIS NATIVE COUNTRY — GUATEMALA. IN MARCH OF 1967, AFTER 15 DAYS OF EATING ONLY ROOTS, HE AND A GIRL COMRADE WERE CAPTURED IN AMBUSH, TORTURED FOUR DAYS, AND BURNED ALIVE. —

SATISFACTION

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FOUGHT A WHOLE LIFE,
IS TO COME TO THE END AND SAY:
WE BELIEVED IN MAN AND IN LIFE
AND LIFE AND MAN
NEVER LET US DOWN.

AND SO THEY ARE WON FOR THE PEOPLE.
AND SO THE INFINITE EXAMPLE IS BORN.

NOT BECAUSE THEY FOUGHT A PART OF THEIR LIVES
BUT BECAUSE THEY FOUGHT ALL THE DAYS OF THEIR LIVES.

ONLY THIS WAY DO MEN BECOME MEN:
FIGHTING DAY AND NIGHT TO BE MEN.

THEN THE PEOPLE OPEN THEIR DEEPEST RIVERS
AND THEY ENTER THOSE WATERS FOREVER.

AND SO THEY ARE, DISTANT FIRES,
LIVING, CREATING THE HEART
OF EXAMPLE.

— OTTO RENE CASTILLO
(TRANS. MEG RANDALL)

POEMS ARE WEAPONS

READY, AIM, FIRE!

by Gordon Bishop

Andre Breton (surrealist, 'a glass of water in a storm'): "The poet of the future will surmount the depressing notion of the irreparable divorce of action and dream."

"We shall already be outside, mingling with the others in the light of day, and will not have to look with an expression of greater complicity and intimacy than theirs on the truth when it shakes its hair streaming with light at the dark window."

"The poetic operation, henceforth, will be conducted in broad daylight."

"Borne by the current of his time, the poet will assume for the first time without distress the responsibility for the reception and transmission of signals which press upon him from the depth of souls."

In the paradise of those trembling with poetry, there is no more trembling; there is ambush, insurrection, desire; there is no place for the solitary poet. The crossfire in which past poets have lived -- where the witness is sunk into his haunches -- that secluded spot is now a vial of blood into which the pen must be dipped. Only if we intervene as men do words have meaning; in the midst of oppression,

it is a poet who opens the dungeons and gives voice to the sorrows and joys of all. And by now we know that voice is whatever sounds that are necessary, whatever sounds that will work to free the flesh. A poet's obligation is to find those sounds, to proclaim them; whether they be the sounds of an exploding firebomb or a knock on the door. A poet listens, he gives form and life to what he hears; he sings so others may hear, he dares to feel compassion, to move against those whose lives know nothing of suffering and beauty. Beginning with Prometheus, revolution has always been against the gods--the deaf, insidiously mute, gods. It is a poet who knows those gods and burns them to a crisp. Because flesh is the only certainty, because the heart pumps and the blood is moved, and because flesh is not the work of selfish and inhumane gods our poets go forth.

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[Gordon Bishop has made available to Liberation News Service a group of Cuban poems and other poems of revolution. He is now compiling a book of revolutionary poetry for CAW! magazine, and will continue to make poems available to you in coming packets.]

THE POEM ON THIS AND THE FOLLOWING PAGES, by OTTO RENE CASTILLO, who fought with Turcios Lima in his native country -- Guatamala. In March of 1967 after 15 days of eating only roots, he and a girl comrade were captured in ambush, tortured 4 days, and burned alive.
[All translations by Meg Randall.]

EVEN BENEATH THIS BITTERNESS

AT THE BOTTOM OF THE NIGHT
THE FOOTSTEPS DESCEND AND RETREAT

SHADOWS SURROUND THEM
STREETS, DRUNKS, BUILDINGS.
SOMEONE RUNNING AWAY FROM HIMSELF.
A BROKEN BOTTLE, BLEEDING.
A WIDOWED PAPER SAILING AROUND A CORNER.
A FREETHINKER PISSING ON THE GRASS,
WHERE TOMORROW THE WELL-DRESSED CHILDREN
WILL PLAY
BESIDE THE DEW.

FAR AWAY SOMETHING SCREAMS, DARK METAL, GENITAL.
ASPHALT AND BLIND STONES, SLEEPING AIR,
DARKNESS, COLD, POLICE, COLD, MORE POLICE.
STREETS, WHORES, DRUNKS, BUILDINGS.
POLICE AGAIN, SOLDIERS, AGAIN POLICE.
THE STATISTICS SAY: FOR EVERY 80,000 OFFICERS OF THE LAW
THERE IS ONE DOCTOR IN GUATEMALA.

THEN UNDERSTAND THE MISERY OF MY COUNTRY,
AND MY PAIN AND EVERYONE'S PAIN!
IF WHEN I SAY: BREAD! THEY SAY
SHUT UP!
AND WHEN I SAY: LIBERTY! THEY SAY
DIE!

BUT I DON'T SHUT UP AND I DON'T DIE.
I LIVE
AND FIGHT, MADDENING
THOSE WHO RULE MY COUNTRY.

FOR IF I LIVE
I FIGHT,
AND IF I FIGHT
I CONTRIBUTE TO THE DAWN.
AND SO VICTORY IS BORN
EVEN IN THE BITTEREST HOURS.

— OTTO RENE CASTILLO
(TRANS. MEG RANDALL)

MORE POEMS BY OTTO RENE CASTILLO

APOLITICAL INTELLECTUALS

ONE DAY
THE APOLITICAL
INTELLECTUALS
OF MY COUNTRY
WILL BE INTERROGATED
BY THE SIMPLEST
OF OUR PEOPLE.

THEY WILL BE ASKED
WHAT THEY DID
WHEN THEIR NATION DIED OUT
SLOWLY,
LIKE A SWEET FIRE,
SMALL AND ALONE.

NO ONE WILL ASK THEM
ABOUT THEIR DRESS,
THEIR LONG SIESTAS
AFTER LUNCH,
NO ONE WILL WANT TO KNOW
ABOUT THEIR STERILE COMBATS
WITH "THE IDEA
OF THE NOTHING"
NO ONE WILL CARE ABOUT
THEIR HIGHER FINANCIAL LEARNING.
THEY WON'T BE QUESTIONED
ON GREEK MYTHOLOGY
OR REGARDING THEIR SELF-DISGUST
WHEN SOMEONE WITHIN THEM
BEGINS TO DIE
THE COWARD'S DEATH.

THEY'LL BE ASKED NOTHING
ABOUT THEIR ABSURD
JUSTIFICATIONS
BORN IN THE SHADOW
OF THE TOTAL LIE.

ON THAT DAY
THE SIMPLE MEN WILL COME.
THOSE WHO HAD NO PLACE
IN THE BOOKS AND POEMS
OF THE APOLITICAL INTELLECTUALS,
BUT DAILY DELIVERED
THEIR BREAD AND MILK,
THEIR TORTILLAS AND EGGS,
THOSE WHO MENDED THEIR CLOTHES,
THOSE WHO DROVE THEIR CARS,
WHO CARED FOR THEIR DOGS AND GARDENS
AND WORKED FOR THEM,

AND THEY'LL ASK:
"WHAT DID YOU DO WHEN THE POOR
SUFFERED, WHEN TENDERNESS
AND LIFE
BURNED OUT IN THEM?"

—OTTO RENE CASTILLO
(TRANS. MEG RANDALL)

MORE POEMS BY OTTO RENE CASTILLO

LAST WORDS

TO YOU, WHO WILL ASK AFTERWARDS
EVERYONE FOR MY FOOTSTEPS.

NO ONE BUT YOU
DID I WISH TO RAISE IN MY SONGS,
SURROUND WITH ALL MY TENDERNESS,
BEND DOWN
OVER HER SOUL
TO SEE
ALL THE RIVERS PASS
AND ALL THE WINDS OF HER LIFE.

AND NO ONE BUT YOU
SO FAILED IN MY HANDS,
SANK SO LOW,
ONLY BECAUSE SOMEONE SAID,
SOMEONE WHO NEVER REALLY CAME
OUT OF THE SHADOW,
THAT OF ALL THE MEN IN THE WORLD
I WAS THE MOST VILE,
THE LEAST FITTING FOR YOU.

YOUR LIPS
LACKED STRENGTH TO STAY WITH ME,
IN THE TIME NOT YET ARRIVED,
AND OVER WHOSE CROSS
YOU'LL CRY TOMORROW,
WHEN EVERYTHING RETURNS
TO MY CRAZY WAY OF LOVING YOU,
MOURN BROKEN SHIP
IN THE WAVES NOW NEVER IN YOUR
BREAST.

IT IS SIX IN THE AFTERNOON
ON THE LAST DAY
OF THE BITTEREST AUGUST OF MY LIFE,
AND NEVERTHELESS I WRITE
THESE WOUNDED SCRATCHINGS
TO TELL YOU GOODBYE.
LONELINESS SURROUNDS ME
WITH ALL ITS BLADES.
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER,
I AM STILL LEFT
WITH A LITTLE MOON
IN THE BLIND OCEAN
OF THE NIGHT
WHICH BEGINS,
NOT ABSENT
OF YOUR EARLY MORNING
WALK.
AND LET IT BE KNOWN
THE HIGH FLUSH OF MY FACE,
ALWAYS DIRECTED AT YOUR COASTAL STEP,
BREAKS THE SAME
IN WIND
AND IN ASH.

I'M GOING
I AM NO LONGER
THE DRY MONOLOGUE
THAT CRACKS IN HOPE.
NOW I AM THE ABANDONED, THE LEAF
THAT FALLS FROM THE TREE
ALL FULL OF AUTUMN,
AND WHO WILL FEEL
FOR A TIME TO COME
THE KINDLY PRESENCE
OF THAT TREE.
I'M GOING,
DON'T LOOK FOR ME,
I AM GONE.

IN ME, AS IN THE ANCHOR,
EVERYTHING ACCUSTOMS ITSELF
TO THE SOFT SWEET MARK
OF MARINE EARTH,
BUT THERE'S NO STAYING
IF BEYOND THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA
ABSENCE WALKS TRANSPARENT.

IN ME, AS IN THE ANCHOR,
DISTANCE THEN ALSO AWAKENS,
AND NOW ONLY THE GOODBYE REMAINS
AS A LAST GESTURE
OF TENDERNESS
FOR YOU.

GOODBYE MY LOVE,
DON'T LOOK FOR ME,
I'M GONE.

— OTTO RENE CASTILLO
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MORE POEMS BY OTTO RENE CASTILLO



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